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MARKELL LIFTS LEVEL 1 DRIVING WARNING

Effective at 9:00 p.m. Sunday evening, Governor Jack Markell lifted the Level 1 Driving Warning. The order is attached and pasted below.

FOURTH MODIFICATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE LIFTING THE LEVEL 1 DRIVING WARNING

WHEREAS, in connection with the imminent danger posed by Hurricane Irene, I issued an Executive Order on Thursday, August 25 declaring a State of Emergency for New Castle, Kent and Sussex Counties; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, August 26, the State of Emergency was modified to mandate the evacuation of residents and non-residents from specified areas near major waterways; on Saturday, August 27, the State of Emergency was expanded to implement a level 2 driving restriction across the entire state; and on Sunday, August 28 at 10:15 a.m., the State of Emergency was modified to remove the level 2 driving restriction, terminate the mandatory evacuation, and implement a level 1 driving warning; and

WHEREAS, road conditions have improved throughout the State, but thousands of Delawareans remain without power and some communities in Delaware remain inaccessible due to flooding; and

WHEREAS, I have determined that further driving limitations are no longer necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JACK A. MARKELL, pursuant to Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, do hereby declare that the previously issued executive orders shall remain in effect until further notice, with the following modifications:

1. The Level 1 Driving Warning implemented on August 28, 2011 at 10:15 a.m. is terminated, effective at 9:00 p.m. today, August 28, 2011.
2. Except as set forth above, all provisions of the previously issued Executive Orders shall remain in effect. Those provisions include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. The Delaware Department of Transportation and the Delaware State Police, in consultation with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency and the Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security, may order such bridge and road closures as necessary to protect the health and safety of the public;
 - b. State and local officials may remove abandoned vehicles from roads in the State of Delaware at the expense of the vehicle owner; and
 - c. Notwithstanding the requirements of Chapter 47 of Title 21 of the Delaware Code, any utility driver engaging in the provision or restoration of utility services and any driver making food and fuel deliveries shall be exempt from the hours of service requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 395 in its entirety.
 - d. Pursuant to 20 Del. C. § 3116(a)(11), the Delaware National Guard shall continue to provide necessary assistance to state and local authorities, at the discretion for the Adjutant General or his designee.

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